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Flooding peaks estimations lowered

GALVESTON -- Estimates of peak flood levels in the Addicks and Barker Reservoirs are expected to be less than predicted due to reservoir releases and a smaller amount of rainfall than anticipated occurring in the past few days according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Galveston District.

Based on the current amount of water flowing into the reservoirs, Highway 6 and Clay Road is expected to remain under water by a few inches for the next several days with possible impacts to Eldridge Parkway. Roadway flooding started Tuesday morning in some areas.

Also, the Corps expects Westheimer Parkway in Barker Reservoir to be covered by a few inches of water for the next several days.

It is anticipated that flood levels in the reservoirs will peak sometime tomorrow morning.

The reservoirs are managed and operated by the Corps of Engineers and are designed to impound storm water and reduce flood levels along Buffalo Bayou. The roadway flooding is being monitored in coordination with the Harris County Flood Control District and the Texas Department of Transportation.

"We understand the inconvenience the flooding is causing commuters, however, we must all recognize the reservoirs are serving their purpose to protect the Houston metropolitan area," said Col. Leonard Waterworth, commander and district engineer for the Galveston District.